



LEAP - LIBRARY EDUCATION FOR
THE U. S.-AFFILIATED PACIFIC



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LEAP Cohort

The intersection of **People**, **Information** and **Technology**.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS™

Earn your Master's in Library and Information Sciences from the University of North Texas by participating in two four-day Web institutes, with the remainder of the program online.

The University of North Texas - Department of Library and Information Sciences is bringing its ALA accredited Master's degree program to the U. S. Affiliated Pacific - Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia including the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap; the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Web Institute Dates:

Wednesday, August 10 - Friday, August 19, 2011

Students will take classes together in August 2011 at the College of Micronesia (COM-FSM) in Palikir, Pohnpei State, FSM. The web institute portion of the Masters program includes an orientation, technology training, instruction in the core courses, as well as time to socialize with colleagues and faculty.

The group will form social bonds during the intensive Institute study that will continue to expand through the online portion of the program. Using a variety of communication tools, faculty and students will expand the learning community established during the on-site institutes to enable a high level of communication and support during the online portion of the program.

Programs of Study

Programs of study serve as advising guides for students. Each student works with a faculty adviser to create an individualized program reflecting the student's career goals.

Programs of study available:

- General Program of Study
- Digital Knowledge Management
- Information Organization
- Youth Librarianship
- Health Informatics
- Information Systems
- Law Librarianship
- Distributed Learning Librarian

Facts about Web Institutes

- Approximate cost of program is \$600 per semester credit hours
- Students receive on site advising and program planning

Schedule of Courses

Fall 2011

SLIS 5000 Introduction to Information Professions
SLIS 5600 Introduction to Information Access and Retrieval

Spring 2012

SLIS 5200 Introduction to Information Organization
SLIS 5300 Management of Information Agencies

Summer 2012

SLIS 5714 Web Site Development
SLIS 5685 Information Resources and Services in Culturally Diverse Communities

Fall 2012 through Summer 2013

18 hours of electives delivered via the web by UNT and from approved local programs (up to nine semester hours) to total 36 semester credit hours. For a complete list of online electives, visit the UNT course catalog at <http://www.unt.edu/catalog/grad/slisc.htm>

Library Education for the U.S. - Affiliated Pacific Scholarship Program

UNT/DLIS is collaborating with Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) to offer full tuition scholarship opportunities for Pacific Islanders living and working in the USAPI. The full tuition scholarships will serve to recruit and educate librarians to work and to increase the numbers of indigenous librarians among the region's professional library staffs.

Twenty-three scholarship recipients will receive:

- Full tuition scholarships including fees for 23 students admitted to the 2011 LEAP cohort of the UNT/DLIS master's degree program
- A UNT librarian matched to each student for academic support and professional mentoring
- Professional development workshops, library tours, and classes on information literacy and technology
- Travel and expense stipends to attend the Web Institute and other professional development and enrichment programs
- A laptop, software, and funds to support home connectivity costs during the two year program
- Professional association annual memberships to the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) and joint Hawaii Library Association / American Library Association memberships

Scholarship Requirements:

Citizenship and residency within the USAPI region is required for eligibility for the UNT LEAP/DLIS scholarship.

Scholarship Applications are due by April 1, 2011.

Accreditation

The Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from the University of North Texas is fully accredited by the American Library Association.

How to Apply for Admission to the LEAP Cohort

Students must first apply to the UNT Toulouse School of Graduate Studies. Once accepted, a student must then submit an application to the Department of Library and Information Sciences. For more information a complete application checklist, visit www.lis.unt.edu/apply.

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